

March 11, 2005

## **NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**

**DATE:** Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, April 20, 21, and 22, 2005

**PLACE:** Embassy Suites Hotel  
Orange County Airport North  
1325 East Dyer Road  
Santa Ana, CA 92705  
(714) 241-3800

The California Mental Health Planning Council invites you to attend its meeting on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, April 20, 21, and 22, 2005 at the Embassy Suites Hotel, Orange County Airport North, 1325 East Dyer Road, Santa Ana, California, 92705, (714) 241-3800.

On Wednesday afternoon, the System of Care Committee will meet. On Thursday morning, the Human Resources Committee, the Quality Improvement Committee, and the Policy and System Development Committee will meet. Members of the public are welcome to attend and observe these meetings.

The Planning Council will be focusing on the implementation of the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) for the next year. On Thursday afternoon, we are inviting representatives from two county mental health departments and consumer and family member representatives from these counties to present on their community planning process for the MHSA. Also on Thursday afternoon, Stephen W. Mayberg, PhD, Director of the State Department of Mental Health, will provide an update on the activities of the Department. Then, Rachel Guerrero, Chief of the Department of Mental Health's Office of Multicultural Services, will address the Planning Council on what mental health programs can do to improve the cultural competence of their services.

The Planning Council will also provide time on the agenda on Thursday afternoon at 2:15 p.m. for members of the public to voice their concerns about mental health issues of importance to them. Attached to this notice is a "Request To Present Comments Before the California Mental Health Planning Council." If you are interested in making a comment during this time, please complete the form and return it to the Planning Council at least two days before the meeting.

On Friday morning, representatives from the California Association of Local Mental Health Boards and Commissions and the California Mental Health Directors Association will provide updates on the activities of their organizations. Then, the Planning Council will engage in a discussion about the MHSA as a vehicle for

implementing recommendations contained in the *California Mental Health Master Plan*. In addition, we have invited representatives from three local mental health boards to present their perspectives on the implementation of the MHSA in their counties.

Also on Friday, the State Department of Mental Health will present on the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Act (SAMHSA) Block Grant Goals and Objectives for Federal Fiscal Year 2006. These goals and objectives will be available on our website no later than April 1, 2005. After this presentation, we will conduct a public hearing on these goals and objectives. If you would like to provide public testimony, please use the "Request to Present Comments Before the California Mental Health Planning Council." Please indicate on this form that your public comment is related to the Block Grant Goals and Objectives.

A copy of the agenda is attached. Access to this agenda, meeting notice, and "Request To Present" form are also available on our website at [www.dmh.ca.gov/MHPC](http://www.dmh.ca.gov/MHPC). If you have any questions or would like to request reasonable accommodations for the meeting, please contact Beverly Whitcomb, the Planning Council's Deputy Executive Officer, at (916) 654-3585 or [Beverly.whitcomb@dmh.ca.gov](mailto:Beverly.whitcomb@dmh.ca.gov). We hope to see you there.

Attachments